

TELL THE EPA: NO TO DIG AND HAUL

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The San Jacinto River is in **danger**.

In the 1960s, a site along the San Jacinto river was used for waste disposal by a paper mill. At the time, no one knew this waste material contained dioxin. In 2008, this site was identified for cleanup by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and an armored cap of protective material was placed on top.

Dioxins are insoluble. They bind to sediment and soil rather than dissolving in water. That's why the cap is a better solution than digging up the site and hauling the material away. That process would put the San Jacinto river in real danger.

In August 2016, the US Army Corps of Engineers final assessment of the proposed remediation options demonstrates that a permanent cap solution is the best remediation alternative.

Yet, the Environmental Protection Agency has ignored these warnings and wants to move forward with the dangerous "dig and haul" process. We are deeply concerned and urging them to reconsider - but we need your help.

WHY DOES THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS SUGGEST KEEPING THE PIT CAPPED?

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THE DANGERS OF DIG AND HAUL

- ✓ The lengthy two-year excavation period could release 400,000 times more waste than a permanent cap.
- ✓ Toxins will be released in the riverbeds and dramatically increase the toxicity levels of local fish.
- ✓ Dioxin levels will increase in the river to pre-remediation levels in only a two-year excavation period, equal to that of 500 years of potential releases from a permanent cap.

ADD YOUR VOICE

We are deeply concerned that the EPA has selected the least safe option for remediating the pits. The US Army Corps of Engineers final assessment of the proposed remediation options demonstrates that a permanent cap solution is the best remediation alternative.

Please use the tool below to quickly and easily urge the EPA to reconsider.

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Created by the San Jacinto Citizens Against Pollution.

We are a group of citizens, business owners, and environmentalists advocating for an immediate and permanent solution to the San Jacinto Waste Pits.

We know that both the science and the community support permanently capping the site.

We want to force the responsible parties to pay the cost to permanently cap the pits.

